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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Zitting *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/757,774

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For: SLEEVE ELEMENT HAVING A
BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF
USE

Confirmation No.: 5475

Examiner: G. Lee

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 22, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.